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Mr. Ron Patel, Features editor
Philadelphia Inquirer
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Dear Mr. Patel,

As part of your consideration of the enclosed article, "Arlen Specter: For the Record", I want to tell you a little about myself and my qualifications to write such an article. I am currently an associate professor of Sociology at Wofford College, one of my specialties being the field of criminology. Over the past twelve years here, I have taught several special topic courses on the JFK assassination and I have given talks to a wide variety of audiences, including three appearances this past winter and spring on a state-wide public television program on Oliver Stone's film and the Warren Commission investigation. Most of my effort has gone into research and teaching on this subject, not publication.

My interest in and study of the assassination dates back over twenty years when I was an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. At the time, historian David R. Wrone, a leading scholar of the assassination literature, organized one of the first national symposiums on this subject in 1971. At that symposium I met several of the critics of the Warren Commission, and I was most impressed with the work of Harold Weisberg. When I came back to this subject in the early 1980's, I got back in touch with Mr. Weisberg, who by that time had acquired over a quarter of a million pages of previously withheld documents from various government agencies involved in the investigation. Mr. Weisberg gave me free access to his extensive files, from which (along with guidance from his six books on the assassination), I have learned much about the failure of that investigation and the complicity of such people as Arlen Specter in that failure.

You will note that I have provided extensive documentation for all the major points I make in this article (see Exhibits A-R). I have highlighted the most relevant and crucial passages in each exhibit. I hope you will give the article a careful reading in conjunction with this documentation. I realize my indictment of Mr. Specter's record is sweeping, but deserved, I believe. If you decide not to use it, please send it back or drop me a note as soon as possible so that I may send it to some other publications. Time is of the essence, given that Election Day is roughly five weeks away.

Sincerely,

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